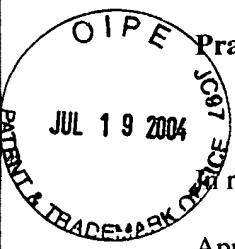


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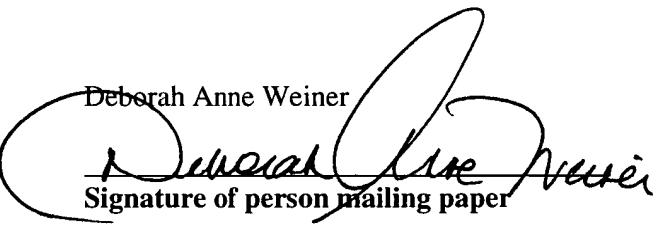
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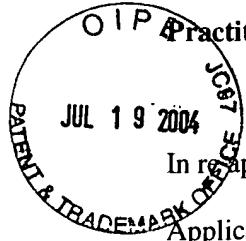
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

- None required.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

- No additional claims have been added.

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5. Applicant feels no additional fees are due, but please charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-2548.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, please consider the following amendment and remarks. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.